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July 4, 1973

Peking 008

TO: Henry A. Kissinger  
FROM: Ambassador David Bruce

1. I particularly call your attention to USLO 465 about wearing of marine uniforms. Hope my decision will be approved, otherwise I am convinced there would be a major row with the Chinese.

2. Basic telegrams on this subject are Peking 253 and State 115479.

3. Warm Regards

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ASEC, CH

SUBJ: WEARING OF UNIFORM BY MARINE SECURITY GUARD

REF: (A) PEKING 253 (B) STATE 115479

1. CHU CHUAN-HSIEN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL, MFA, SUMMONED JENKINS TO MEETING JULY 4 ON SUBJECT OF WEARING OF UNIFORMS BY MSG. AFTER NOTING THAT NO PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT HAD BEEN HELD BETWEEN USLO AND MFA, CHU STATED THAT WEARING OF MILITARY UNIFORMS AND CARRYING ARMS OPENLY WENT AGAINST PRACTICE OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN PEKING AS WELL AS CHINESE MISSIONS ABROAD. HE STATED MINISTRY'S DESIRE THAT SUCH PRACTICES SHOULD CEASE AND EMPHASIZED THAT USLO'S ATTENTION WAS BEING DRAWN TO THIS ISSUE NOW BECAUSE OF THE INDEPENDENCE DAY RECEPTION EVENING JULY 4. CHU REFERRED IN CONCLUSION TO AN AGREEMENT WITH DR. KISSINGER DURING THE COURSE OF ONE OF HIS VISITS TO PEKING THAT U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL WOULD WEAR CIVILIAN CLOTHES AND NOT CARRY ARMS OPENLY.

2. JENKINS EMPHASIZED THAT QUESTION OF UNIFORMS HAD BEEN THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED ON THE U.S. SIDE BEFORE A DECISION WAS REACHED AND DESCRIBED THE POSSIBLE MORALE AND DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ALLOWING MARINES TO WEAR THEIR UNIFORM. HE SPOKE OF UNSATISFACTORY RESULTS OF OUR ATTEMPTING POST-WORLD WAR II TO USE CIVILIAN GUARDS, POINTING OUT THEY WERE LESS DISCIPLINED, AND TENDED TO HAVE FAMILIES REQUIRING ADDITIONAL HOUSING. SAID OUR GUARDS IN OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WORE UNIFORMS.

3. IN REPLY, CHU STATED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD USLO'S POSITION, BUT TOOK A GENERAL VIEW OF THIS MATTER AND DID NOT WISH TO MAKE AN EXCEPTION TO NORMAL PRACTICE IN THE CASE OF THE AMERICAN MISSION. HE CLEARLY LINKED UNIFORM ISSUE TO ATTENDANCE OF CHINESE AT OUR JULY FOUR RECEPTION.

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CHU THEN RAISED A SECOND POINT. THE PEKING GARRISON, HE SAID, RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SECURITY OF ALL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND AS SUCH MONITORS ACCESS TO THE USLO COMPOUND. CHINESE LABORERS WORKING WITHIN THE COMPOUND AND ALSO, ON AT LEAST ONE OCCASION, OFFICIALS OF THE CONSULAR DEPARTMENT OF THE MFA HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO SEARCH BY THE UNIFORMED MARINE GUARD. THIS ALSO WAS CONSIDERED AN UNNECESSARY AN INAPPROPRIATE DEPARTURE FROM LOCAL CUSTOM.

B. JENKINS ASSURED CHU THAT HIS VIEWS WOULD BE REPORTED AND THAT UNIFORMS WOULD NOT BE WORN AT THE TIME OF THE RECEPTION.

C. BASED ON THE ABOVE, I HAVE DISCONTINUED WEARING OF UNIFORM AND OPEN CARRYING OF ARMS BY MSG PERSONNEL. MEASURES WILL ALSO BE UNDERTAKEN TO AVOID REPETITION OF THE SEARCHES REFERRED TO ABOVE.

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E.O. 11652, N/A

TAGS: ASEC, CH

SUBJECT: WEARING OF UNIFORM BY MARINE SECURITY GUARDS

REF: STATE 885669

1. REQUEST DEPARTMENT REVIEW WITH INTERESTED PARTIES IN WASHINGTON, INCLUDING MARINE CORPS COMMANDANT, QUESTION OF USLO PEKING MARINE SECURITY GUARDS WEARING UNIFORM WHILE ON DUTY INSIDE USCO COMPOUND.

2. WHILE OTHER EMBASSIES HAVE SECURITY GUARDS (BRITISH, CANADIANS, AUSTRALIANS), NONE EXCEPT ITALIAN CARABINIERI ARE ACTIVE MILITARY PERSONNEL AND EVEN THEY DO NOT WEAR UNIFORMS.

3. IN VIEW OUR GENERAL LOW-PROFILE APPROACH, BELIEVE WE SHOULD EXAMINE CAREFULLY WHETHER WE WISH TO EXPAND PRESENT LIMITS OF LOCAL DIPLOMATIC PRACTICE ON GUARD ISSUE. MARINE MORALE IS A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR TO CONSIDER IN THIS DECISION, ESPECIALLY SINCE MARINES CAME OUT ON ASSUMPTION THEY WOULD WEAR UNIFORMS, BUT SO IS WELL-KNOWN CHINESE ATTITUDE TO FOREIGN TROOPS ON CHINESE SOIL.

4. WE HAVE NOT RAISED THE QUESTION WITH MFA, NOR DO WE BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE TO DO SO.

5. PLEASE ADVISE.

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E.O. 116521 N/A  
 TAGS: ASEC, CH  
 SUBJECT: WEARING OF UNIFORM BY MARINE SECURITY GUARD  
 REF: PEKING 0253

1. WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN ABOUT MARINES IN UNIFORMS  
 IN PEKING AND REALIZE THAT FEW IF ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTS  
 USE OR IDENTIFY THEIR GUARDS AS MEMBERS OF THEIR MILITARY  
 SERVICE.

2. WE HAVE REVIEWED THE QUESTION OF UNIFORMS, INCLUDING  
 CONSULTATION WITH MARINE CORPS COMMANDANT, AND WE HAVE  
 RECONFIRMED OUR EARLIER DECISION THAT MARINE GUARDS  
 SHOULD BE IN UNIFORM WHILE ON DUTY WITHIN USLO COMPOUND.

3. BASIS FOR DECISION INCLUDES FACT THAT WE HAVE  
 ESTABLISHED AN OPEN AND WELL PUBLICIZED PRACTICE OF  
 USING MEMBERS OF THE MARINE CORPS AS GUARDS AT OUR

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DIPLOMATIC FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, ALTHOUGH WE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY ANNOUNCE TO THE CHINESE THAT WE WERE SENDING MARINE GUARDS INTO PEKING BEFORE THE FACT, THEIR PRESENCE HAS BEEN WIDELY PUBLICIZED IN THE WESTERN PRESS AND IS KNOWN BY THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

4. TO SHY AWAY FROM THEIR APPEARANCE IN UNIFORM WITHIN OUR PREMISES WOULD BE A DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL STANDARDS,

5. ALSO BELIEVE MORALE, EFFICIENCY AND DISCIPLINE OF MARINES COULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTED IF THE UNIFORM IS NOT WORN. AS NOTED IN STATE'S 085669 UNIFORMS WOULD NOT BE WORN OUTSIDE USLO PREMISES, INCLUDING PROHIBITION ON WEARING UNIFORM TO AND FROM WORK.

6. AGREE WITH YOU THAT WHAT WE DO WITHIN LIAISON OFFICE PREMISES NOT SUBJECT TO CHINESE APPROVAL, AND YOU SHOULD NOT/NOT NOTIFY MFA.  
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